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<p>The U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), has tested the M621 plastic ammunition container to verify if an alternative closure is required for this container to meet or exceed the requirements of the united nations "recommendation on the transport of dangerous goods". The boxes were tested by the U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School (USADACS) by performing drop vibration and stacking tests. Five drops were performed from a height of 48 inches. (Flat-top, long side, short side, bottom and one corner). Package gross weight was 55 lbs. (Inert ammunition). The container met the requirements of 4H2.</p> <p>The packaging for 25MM ammunition in the M621 Container is per SPI ADPLB001 with added closure. Referenced SPI is attached.</p>			
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A. Report Number: DODPOH1M/AYA/TR93004

B. Title: Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) testing of the plastic container M621 (inert) loaded with dummy ammunition, packaging group II.

Responsible individual: Walter B. Holcombe

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Savanna IL, 61074-9639

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D. Requesting Organization reference: Memorandum SMCAR-ESK,
4 October 1991—POP testing M621 plastic container.

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1. Data Sheet

A. Exterior shipping container

UN type: Plastic box UN code: 4H2

Drawing No: 12013879

Date of Mfg: December 1989

Material: Plastic

Tare weight: 10 lbs.

Dimensions: 14.3 inches L x 5.7 inches W x 13.87 inches H.

Closure: Wire counter latch handle with lead seal.

B. Product: 25mm projectiles (various types) box

Packing Drawing No: 12013880

United Nations Identification (serial) number(s) UN 0321, UN 0328 and UN 0339

UN packaging group: 11

Physical state: Solid

Quantity per container: 30 each (2-belts of 15 each)

Gross Weight: 60 lbs. 27 kg.

2. Background - This report contains the POP testing results performed on the M621 plastic container with 30 25mm dummy cartridges (maximum load) with wire latch closure and wire lead seals at each of the two closure lids.

3. Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) Tests:

a. DROP - Box was dropped from a height of 1.2 meters (48 inches) in five different orientations on a flat steel plate reinforced by a hard concrete surface. The orientations were as follows:

bottom (lid)
top (lid)
side (long)
end (short side)
bottom corner-hinge end (worse case)

b. LOOSE CARGO VIBRATION - Vibration tests were omitted at this time due to previous vibration testing conducted on the M621 container at the time of development (see test report "TECO: PROJECT NUMBER 1-ES-400-621 & APG REPORT NO. APG-MT-5742) on file at Engineering Support Directorate, SMCAR-ESK, HQ, AICCQ, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL.

c. STACK TEST - A stack test was conducted to a height of 10 feet - 0 inches.

4. Results - The container passed the required POP tests. The minor damage which occurred during corner drop testing was minor and would not adversely effect the performance of the container in any way. The container is considered safe for international transportation in accordance with POP regulations.

5. Reference Material:

a. United Nations "Transportation of Dangerous Goods" 6th Edition

b. Federal Register Part 11, 21 December 1991.

INTERIM TEST REPORT

VALIDATION ENGINEERING DIVISION
U.S. ARMY DEFENSE AMMUNITION CENTER AND SCHOOL
SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074-9639

1. TEST TITLE: M621 25MM Plastic Container Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) Test
2. TEST NUMBER: DCDPOPHM/AYA/TK93004
3. DATES OF TEST: 10 Jan 1993
4. TEST ENGINEER: Jason B. Solberg
5. TEST OBSERVER(S): William Meyer USADACS SMCAC-DEV
6. TEST(S) CONDUCTED:
 - a. Stacking test.
 - b. Vibration test.
 - c. Drop test.

7. TEST OBSERVATION(S):

a. During the stacking test, two M621 25mm containers were subjected to 730 pounds compression to the upright standing container to simulate an equivalent 16-foot-high stacking height. One container was subjected to 1,960 pounds to its side to attempt to simulate a 'worst case' orientation. The 1,960-pound load was also used to simulate a 16-foot-high stacking height. No damage was noted during the stacking test.

b. During the vibration test, three M621 containers were vibrated for 1 hour each at 250 revolutions per minute (rpm) to provide a .063-inch gap under the containers. Each container was oriented with a different face against the vibration table. No damage was noted during the vibration test.

c. Five containers were then drop tested at 0 degrees Fahrenheit oriented to impact the top, bottom, wide side, narrow side, and a corner of the containers from a height of 3.9 feet. Only the corner drop showed some damage. This damage occurred to three out of eight hinge attachment points. One of the damaged attachment points failed completely, and two of the points had partial cracks. Damage did not functionally effect the container lid, nor did it cause any damage to the lid's seal.

8. TEST CONCLUSION(S): As tested, the M621 25mm container passed POP tests. The damage which occurred during the corner drop test was not enough to adversely affect the performance of the container.

APPLICABLE NSNs - M&Z1 Plastic Container

1305-01-186-5165-A940
1305-01-105-4095-A967
1305-01-092-0428-A974
1305-01-094-1035-A975
1305-01-092-0429-A976

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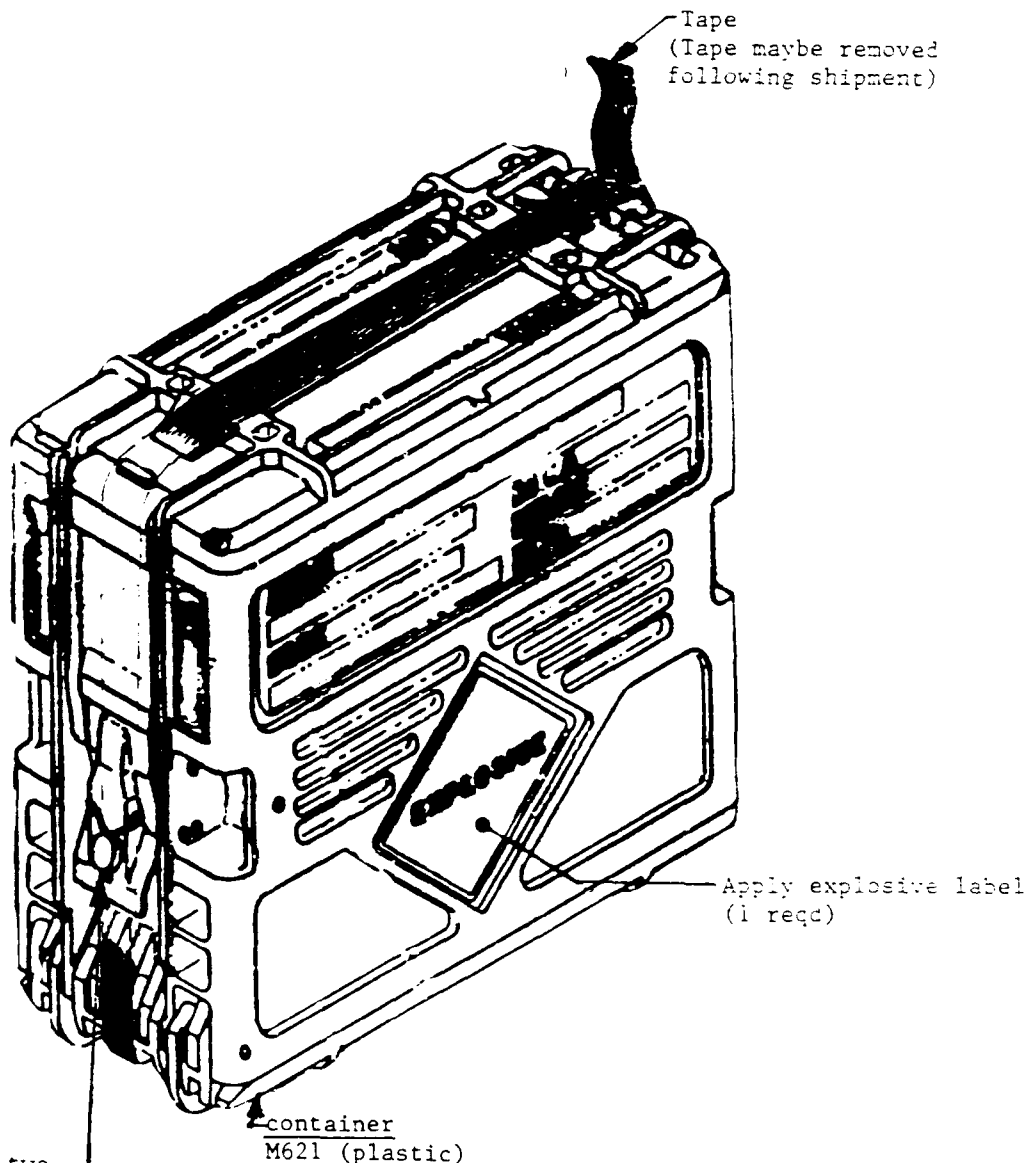
NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER

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SPI NUMBER (PN)

ADPLB001

** Use any applicable NSN that applies to the M621 container



Apply Lead seal two places 2 reqd.

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M621 (plastic)

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Container, M621, Plastic for 30-25MM CEg's

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